

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : **10/560,744** Confirmation No. 1685
Applicant : Kokubo *et al.*
Filing or § 371 date : 15 DEC 2005
TC/A.U. : 1616
Examiner : A. M. Holt
Office Action : 06/30/2009
Docket No. : TAN-357

SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is further to a paper filed on October 30, 2009, responding to the Office Action of June 30, 2009. The claim amendments of October 30, 2009, are requested stricken from the record. In place thereof, applicants request entry of the present set of claim amendments. Applicants' written response to the rejections remains the same, and is substantially duplicated herein for the Examiner's convenience. Because the previously filed paper of October 30, 2009, was a bona fide attempt to respond, the present supplementary amendment to the claims does not require a further extension of time. Please note the following:

Amendments to the specification: None.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.